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SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATION AGAINST SECDEF VISIT TO NORWAY

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1. WELL-ADVERTISED DEMONSTRATION ATTRACTED ABOUT 1500 PERSONS TO
PROTEST VISIT OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE SCHLESINGER TO NORWAY. STAGED
IN

OSLO EVENING OF JUNE 7, DEMONSTRATION OCCURED SOME TWO HOURS BEFORE
SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL IN BODO(NORTH NORWAY) AND CONSISTED OF ORGANIZED

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MARCH TO FRONT OF EMBASSY WHERE PLACARD-CARRYING DEMONSTRATORS LISTEN

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TO HARANGUING SPEECH AND BURNED PAPER AMERICAN FLAG. POLICE NOTIFIED EMBASSY WELL IN ADVANCE AND MAINTAINED LOW-KEY, EFFICIENT CONTROL THROUGHOUT. PROTESTORS WERE AS USUAL KEPT TO MIDDLE OF STREET WELL AWAY FROM EMBASSY PROPERTY.

2. ADVANCE HANDBILLS AND ADVERTISEMENTS IN LEFTIST PRESS STRESSED FAMILIAR THEMES OF US IMPERIALISM, INDOCHINA POLICIES AND NATO-OUT-OF-

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NORWAY, AND THESE WERE REFLECTED DURING DEMONSTRATION ON PLACARDS, IN CHANTS FROM CROWD, AND IN SPEECH. SPEECH ITSELF DELIVERED FROM LOUDSPEAKER ATOP PARKED VEHICLE WAS AN OBJECTIONABLE DIATRIBE CITING, IN PART, SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S FORMER RELATIONSHIP WITH CIA. ON INDOCHINA, SPEAKER ACCUSED US OF VIOLATIONS OF CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT AND CITED THOSE ALLEGED VIOLATIONS AS CONTINUING EVIDENCE THAT DECISI

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TO AWARD NOBEL PEACE PRIZE TO SECRETARY KISSINGER WAS ILL-CONCEIVED. SPEAKER ALSO CRITICIZED SECSTATE'S MID-EAST PEACEMAKING FOR FAILURE TO CONSIDER RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS.

3. PROTEST WAS SPONSORED BY BROAD ASSORTMENT OF RADICAL LEFTIST FRINGE GROUPS AND STUDENT ACTIVIST ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING MAOIST "RED YOUTH," VIETNAM SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE, PALESTINE COMMITTEE, CHILE SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE, JOINT COUNCIL FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA, THE "RED FRONT" OF THE NORWEGIAN STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION, THE "NORWAY-OUT-OF-NATO CAMPAIGN," "WAR RESISTERS' ORGANIZATION, AND GREEKS IN NORWAY. OSLO CHAPTER OF SOCIALIST ELECTORAL LEAGUE(SV) ALSO ANNOUNCED ITS SUPPORT OF DEMONSTRATION.

UNLIKE EARLIER DEMONSTRATIONS DURING VIETNAM HOSTILITIES, NEITHER LABOR PARTY YOUR ORGANIZATION NOR ANY OF TRADE UNION ORGANIZATIONS ASSOCIATED THEMSELVES WITH DEMONSTRATION. END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. ALTHOUGH PHOTOGRAPHERS WERE ON HAND, NONE OF SATURDAY PAPERS MENTIONED DEMONSTRATION. DAGBLADET, THE LEFT-LIBERAL SENSATIONALIST OSLO DAILY, HAD PUBLISHED PAID ADVERTISEMENTS ANNOUNCING THE DEMONSTRATION AND MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED TO CARRY FOLLOW-UP NEWS COVERAGE. CHIEF EDITOR ARVE SOLSTAD TOLD EMBASSY PRESS ATTACHE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EVENING OF JUNE 7, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAD ORDERED THAT THERE BE NO COVERAGE, AND IN FACT TODAY'S DAGBLADET JOINS WITH REST OF OSLO DAILIES IN IGNORING THE EVENT.

SIGNIFICANT ALSO IS FACT THAT LABOR PARTY

DAILY ARBEIDERBLADET, WHICH HISTORICALLY CAN BE COUNTED ON TO PROVIDE AT LEAST SOME COVERAGE TO DEMONSTRATIONS OF THIS NATURE, HAS CARRIED NEITHER ADS NOR REPORTING.

5. WE HAVE RECEIVED NO INDICATIONS OF PLANS FOR DEMONSTRATIONS
EITHER IN NORTH NORWAY, WHICH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER IS NOW VISITING,
ACCOMPANIED BY DEFENSE MINISTER FOSTERVOLL AND THE AMBASSADOR,
OR IN BERGEN WHEN SECDEF ARRIVES THERE FOR NPG MEETING.
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